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Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association

2003

Annual Report

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Board of Directors

The following served as directors in 2003:

			Term
James Harvey	Chairman	NDA	til 2003 Annual mtg.
Jarrod Klassen	Vice chairman	LDDA	til 2004 Annual mtg.
Rodger Pederson	Director	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Kelvin Bagshaw	Director	LDDA	til 2005 Annual mtg.
Roy King	Director	LDDA	til 2003 Annual mtg
Willie Karwandy	Director	SWDA	til 2004 Annual mtg.
Howard Steinley	Director	SWDA	til 2003 Annual mtg.
Don Fox	Director, ICDC rep	SEDA	til 2004 Annual mtg.

As per the bylaw, the directors represent the four development areas of Northern, South Western, South Eastern and Lake Diefenbaker.

The Board of Directors is elected by member irrigation project delegates at the annual meeting. Each member Irrigation Project is entitled to send one delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. Two directors are elected from SWDA, four from LDDA, one each from NDA and SEDA

Mandate

The mandate of SIPA is to represent the interests of member districts and , if sufficient interest exists, the interest of all irrigators in Saskatchewan.

Purpose

The purpose of SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of:

- coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development
- coordinating, directing and participating in program implementation
- research and demonstration prioritization
- coordinating, directing and participating in economic development initiatives
- participating in public relations for irrigation
- providing a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

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Auditor's Report

To the Members
Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association

I have examined the statement of financial position of the Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association as at March 31, 2003 and the statement of operations for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Associations' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the standard that requires I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. I have performed such tests as I deemed necessary to provide evidence supporting the amounts and discloures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The Association derives the majority of its revenue on a voluntary basis, which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my audit was limited to verification of revenue recorded in the records of the Association.

In my opinion, except for the limitations outlined in the previous paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at March 31, 2003 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Wanda Langer

Riverhurst, Saskatchewan
November, 2003

Wanda Langer, Accountant

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Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2003

ASSETS

	2003	2002
Current Assets		
Cash	13815	11868
Accounts receivable	210	
Prepaid expenses		
	14025	11868

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	6066	6171
Current portion of long term liabilites	2000	2000
	8066	8171
Long term liabilities		
ICDC Commitments (note 4)	2000	4000
Surplus	3960	-315
	14026	11856

Executive Roger Sidenius

Sandra Battgate

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2003

	2003	2002
Income		
Membership fees - full (note 2)	11533	5560
Membership fees - associate (note 2)	400	400
Donations and Grants	391	0
Annual conference - registration	2489	2723
Annual conference - sponsors	1790	2475
Annual conference - display	1393	575
Fund Raising	461	584
	18457	12317
Expenses		
Administration - office	3044	60
Administration - phone	1130	818
Conference	3843	4486
Fund Raising	446	363
Meeting - mileage	2293	2545
Meeting - per diems	2515	3225
Meeting - expenditures	162	509
Promotion - website (note 4)		6000
Promotion	749	886
	14182	18892
Surplus (deficit) for the year	4275	-6575
Surplus, beginning of year as previously stated	3685	6260
Prior year adjustment (note 5)	-4000	
Surplus (deficit), beginning of year as restated	-315	6260
Surplus, end of year	3960	-315

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Notes to the Financial Statements
March 31, 2003

1. Purpose

Saskatchewan Irrigation Projects Association (SIPA) became a reality in 1996 with the passing of the *Irrigation Act, 1996*. SIPA is to provide a focus group capable of coordinating, directing and participating in activities related to irrigation policy development, program implementation, research and demonstration prioritization, economic development initiatives, and public relations to promote and foster irrigation development in our province. We are to provide a common voice for issues concerning irrigators.

2. Membership

Membership is open to all irrigators in the province, either as projects or individuals in the business of serving irrigators.

a) Full membership, according to the bylaws, was restricted to irrigation districts as defined in the irrigation Act, 1996. Each member Irrigation District is entitled to one voting delegate per 5,000 irrigated acres or part thereof. But with the revisions made to the Irrigation Act, 1996, we ratified a change to our bylaw as our 2002 annual meeting allowing all irrigators to become full members.

b) Associated memberships shall be granted at the discretion of the Board to private corporations who have an interest in irrigation activities and other third parties who wish to participate in SIPA.

3. Agreements

The Board of directors has agreed to appoint two directors to the board of the Irrigation Crop Diversification's Corporation of which one of these directors shall sit on the executive management committee of the Canada - Saskatchewan Crop Diversification Center.

4. ICDC Commitment

Included in Grants and donations in 1998 was a grant of $20,000 from Sask Water Corporation of which a minimum of $5000 shall be spent by SIPA on promoting irrigation in Saskatchewan through an effective communication strategy. We have made an agreement with ICDC for $6000 over three years to jointly fund an irrigation website that will be the gateway to irrigation in Saskatchewan and we will continue with our news releases and other promotional activities as deemed necessary. Annual payments of $2000 will be made as ICDC progresses on the project.

5. Prior Period Adjustments

The March 31, 2003 financial statement included $2000 in accounts payable for the first payment of the commitment to ICDC. A prior period adjustment of $4000 was made to reflect the entire commitment and the $2000 was reclassified as the current portion of the long term liabilities.

6. Previous Year

The previous year was audited by a different individual and some figures were restated and reclassified.

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2003 Activities

Private Irrigators as Members - The Irrigation Act was changed as we had requested to allow SIPA to include private irrigators as full voting members in SIPA so that we can represent all irrigation in Saskatchewan. A new bylaw was ratified at the 2002 annual conference allowing all irrigators voting rights.

Irrigation Development, Sask AG, Food and Rural Revitalization

A) Meeting with Hon. Clay Serby - In April, 2003 SIPA, ICDC, irrigators and related industry representatives met with Hon. Clay Serby to discuss the potential of irrigation in Saskatchewan and what was needed for an effective irrigation policy for infrastructure and research & development. SIPA Chairman, James Harvey attended the meeting and made a presentation on the merits of irrigation development in rural Saskatchewan and its affects on Saskatchewan's GNP. A proposal was presented to the Minister showing the economic advantage of investing in irrigation infrastructure and Research and Development. Much of this proposal was backed by Dale Russell's study and the ACRE report and recommendations.

B) Maryellen Carlson, Assistant deputy minister - The board has met with Maryellen Carlson to discuss irrigation's role in the development of value added crops in rural Saskatchewan which is part of Sask Ag mandate. How we need a one stop door for irrigation development even though water is through the Water Shed Authority and soil certification is through Sask Ag and some water distribution is through Sask Water Corporation. They also need cooperation between departments including Sask Power, Highways and Sask Ag for us to reach our irrigation potential in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan Watershed Authority - We met with the staff of the SWA to discuss their role in irrigation water rights and their mandate. Cabinet has appointed one SIPA representative on the advisory board of the Authority with the Minister of Environment as the chair.

Power Infrastructure - Jarrod Klassen attended meetings with the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association to discuss the costs of power installation. It was agreed that we should continue to work together to put forward a package for presentation to the provincial government.

UMA Conference - National Water Strategy - We attended the meeting so that irrigation and agricultural water usage was not forgotten. At the conference there were representatives there with many different agenda. Therefore it is very easy for the direction to become very misleading.

Water is Our Future Conference - Saskatchewan Agrivision hosted a conference on the importance of water for industry in Saskatchewan. We had a booth that was well received as well as Roger Pederson was a presenter. At the wrap-up at the conference it was decided the next step was for a representative from the different industries to meet to determine the direction that should be taken.

50 Year Water Strategy - After attendance at many meetings, Saskatchewan Agrivision has put forward an acceptable application to CARDS for funding the development of a long term water strategy. We continued to stress that we can not wait for another study long term. There have been numerous studies completed in the last few year on irrigation and we would believe other industries using water have done likewise.

Irrigation Development Questionnaire - SIPA sent out a questionnaire requesting responses from the irrigators regarding the potential for irrigation development in the short term and long term in their area. What would it take to develop the critical mass so that the Saskatchewan taxpayer could see the potential return there is on their investment?. This will be an ongoing job. The information can then be used as backing for presentations requesting development of an ongoing irrigation strategy for the province with the emphasis on the short term.

Crop Insurance Petition - A petition to separate dryland and irrigated acres was circulated for signing and copies were circulated to the provincial and federal governments. Crop insurance has requested that we attend a meeting with them in early December regarding this very issue.

Field Days

A) CSIDC Field Day - Outlook
We participated with a booth at the field day as one of the partners in the executive management committee for the center.

B) ICDC Field Days - Board members participated in irrigation demonstration field days

Communication Package

A) Irrigation Website, "irrigationsaskatchewan.com" - The website is a joint effort of ICDC and SIPA that is in need of revamping. We need to discuss changes since the provincial government has transferred irrigation to Sask Ag, Food and Rural Revitalization to determine what technical information they may be able to provide. It is hoped that it can become the link to all irrigation news and information in Saskatchewan for the public as well as potential and current irrigators.

B) News Release - A news release was designed regarding the statements of Sask Ag Minister Hon. Clay Serby regarding developing irrigation infrastructure already in place to its potential.

2003 Annual Conference - The board has worked at attracting presenters that will provide a prairie perspective to irrigation development and should give the participants a chance to discuss how the development of irrigation infrastructure can play a role in the revitalization of rural

Saskatchewan. The participants will have the opportunity to meet with Carl Neggers and Scott Wright who each are holding new positions in there respective departments.

2003 Annual Report - Our annual report was prepared and presented to legislature.

SIPA Representatives - SIPA has two representative on the ICDC board of directors (Don Fox and Gordon Kent) and for 2003 Don Fox also represented irrigators on the executive management team of CSIDC as per the terms of the MOU. A new MOU needs to be agreed upon since irrigation and ICDC are now part of Sask Ag Food & Rural Revitalization. Don Fox attended the executive management meetings as per our agreement.

In 2003, the board of directors had 3 board meetings to date in Central Butte, Moose Jaw and Outlook, conference calls plus we utilized committees to work on communications package, annual conference, and presentations. As well board members participated in various tours and meetings.